

# EXHIBIT A


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**Service of Process Transmittal Summary**

**TO:** Serviceof Process  
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**RE:** **Process Served in Georgia**

**FOR:** Georgia CVS Pharmacy, L.L.C. (Domestic State: GA)

**ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>TITLE OF ACTION:</b>	Re: MARGARET GORNEY // To: Georgia CVS Pharmacy, L.L.C.
<b>CASE #:</b>	23A02514
<b>NATURE OF ACTION:</b>	Personal Injury - Failure to Maintain Premises in a Safe Condition
<b>PROCESS SERVED ON:</b>	The Corporation Company (FL), Cumming, GA
<b>DATE/METHOD OF SERVICE:</b>	By Process Server on 06/09/2023 at 14:25
<b>JURISDICTION SERVED:</b>	Georgia
<b>ACTION ITEMS:</b>	CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 06/09/2023, Expected Purge Date: 06/14/2023  Image SOP  Email Notification, Serviceof Process service_of_process@cvs.com
<b>REGISTERED AGENT CONTACT:</b>	The Corporation Company (FL) 106 Colony Park Drive STE 800-B Cumming, GA 30040 800-448-5350 MajorAccountTeam1@wolterskluwer.com

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## PROCESS SERVER DELIVERY DETAILS

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Entity Served	GEORGIA CVS PHARMACY, L.L.C.
Case Number	23A02514
Jurisdiction	GA

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**IN THE STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

MARGARET GORNEY,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	CIVIL ACTION <u>23A02514</u>
	)	FILE NO: _____
GEORGIA CVS PHARMACY, LLC.,	)	
AND CVS PHARMACY, INC.	)	JURY DEMAND TRIAL
	)	
Defendant,	)	
	)	

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**COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW, Margaret Gorney (Plaintiff), by and through the undersigned counsel and hereby files this Complaint against Georgia CVS Pharmacy, LLC. (Defendant) and CVS Pharmacy, INC. (Defendant) and shows this Honorable Court as following:

**INTRODUCTION**

The preceding paragraphs and allegations are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

1.

Served with this Complaint are Plaintiff's Interrogatories to Defendant, Plaintiff's Request of Production to Defendant, and Plaintiff's Request for Admissions to Defendant.

**PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE**

The preceding paragraphs and allegations are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

2.

Plaintiff, Margaret Gorney, is an individual and resident of Gwinnett County, Georgia.

3.

Defendant, Georgia CVS Pharmacy, LLC hereinafter (Defendant "CVS") is a Domestic Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The tortious conduct complained of herein occurred in Dekalb County, Georgia. Finally, Defendant CVS store# 4698 is managed by Mr. Robert Haxk, and transacts business at 5755 Rockbridge Rd, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087, may be served with Summons and Complaint by original service upon its registered agent. Defendant CVS registered agent is The Corporation Company (FL) located at 106 Colony Park Drive Ste. 800-B Forsyth County, Cumming, GA 30040-2794. When service of process is made in the manner required under Georgia law, Defendant CVS will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 14-2-510 (b) (3) venue is proper in Dekalb County.

4.

Defendant, CVS Pharmacy, INC. ("Defendant CVS Pharmacy") is a Foreign Profit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The tortious conduct complained of herein occurred in Dekalb County, Georgia. Finally, Defendant CVS store# 4698 is managed by Mr. Robert Haxk, and transacts business at 5755 Rockbridge Rd, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087 may be served with Summons and Complaint by original service upon its registered agent. Defendant CVS Pharmacy, INC registered agent is The Corporation Company (FL) located at 106 Colony Park Drive Ste. 800-B Forsyth County, Cumming, GA 30040-2794. When service of process is made in the manner required under Georgia law, Defendant CVS Pharmacy, INC.

will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 14-2-510 (b) (3) venue is proper in Dekalb County.

5.

The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action.

6.

Venue is proper as to Defendant CVS pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 14-2-510(b) as it maintains a retail drug store in Dekalb County, Georgia.

**NATURE OF ACTION**

7.

This is a negligence action brought by Plaintiff to recover all damages suffered as a result of Defendant's failure to keep the premises of the Georgia CVS Pharmacy, LLC located at 7207 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087, in a safe condition, which ultimately caused Plaintiff to suffer personal injuries and excruciating pain.

**FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

8.

On or about July 20, 2021, the date of her injuries, Plaintiff was a lawful invitee of Defendant in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 51-3-1, et seq., while shopping at the Georgia CVS Pharmacy, LLC store located at 7207 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087 (hereinafter "the premises"). Defendant Georgia CVS Pharmacy, LLC. owned and operated this location for the specific purpose of providing services to the general public; controlling and maintaining all areas inside of the department store, Defendant CVS held the premises open to its invitees to purchase clothing and other products.

9.

On July 20, 2021, CVS, through one or more of its employees and/or maintenance staff, knew or should have known, that the floor(s) in its department store contained a dangerous condition that might cause injury to those who use it.

10.

On July 20, 2021, there were no signs at or near the shopping area warning invitees of the dangerous conditions existing on its floors.

11.

Suddenly, and without any warning, Ms. Gorney's feet slipped from underneath her body after tripping over a black plastic, square case, causing her to fall to the floor.

12.

Because her plummet was so swift, Ms. Gorney was unable to catch herself and landed on the tile floor. Ms. Gorney's right side of her body absorbed the brunt of the fall, resulting in injuries to her right hip, right shoulder, tailbone lower back, and right knee.

13.

At all times relative to this incident, Plaintiff was exercising due care for her own safety.

**COUNT I – NEGLIGENCE**

Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in this Complaint for Damages and reassert said allegations as if fully set forth herein.

14.

The Defendant failed to meet common law and statutory duties pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 51-3-1 and 51-3-2, et al., to exercise ordinary care in keeping the premises and approaches safe

and to protect Plaintiff from unreasonable risks of foreseeable harm.

15.

At the time and place of the incident complained of, Defendant CVS owed Plaintiff a duty of exercising ordinary care to maintain the premises in a reasonably safe condition: to correct dangerous conditions of which they knew or should have known and to warn Plaintiff of any dangerous condition of which they had, or should have had, knowledge greater than that of the Plaintiff.

16.

As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's negligence, Plaintiff incurred medical expenses, in an amount to be proven at trial, for the treatment of the injuries Plaintiff sustained that were caused solely and proximately by Defendant's negligence.

17.

At the time and place of the incident complained of, Defendant breached these duties owed to Plaintiff in one or more of the following ways:

- (a) Negligently and carelessly maintaining the department store, and in particular, leaving the aisle in an unsafe, dangerous and defective condition;
- (b) Negligently and carelessly failed to discover the unsafe, dangerous, and defective condition of the floor by conducting proper inspections; or
- (c) After having learned or discovered this dangerous, unsafe floor, Defendant nonetheless failed to take appropriate steps to remedy such condition and /or negligently and carelessly failed to correct it; and
- (d) After learning of the dangerous condition, Defendant negligently and carelessly failed to warn Plaintiff about it.

18.

At all times complained of, Defendant knew, or in the exercise of ordinary care, should have known of the unsafe, dangerous condition of the floor, and that such condition, if not remedied, created a particular, inherent, intrinsic, and unreasonable risk of physical harm to invitees on the premises.

19.

Plaintiff is entitled to recover of Defendant such reasonable sums as compensatory, general and special damages as may be shown by the evidence and all damages allowed under Georgia law.

20.

The Defendant had actual or constructive knowledge of the condition or conditions on the premises which led to the Plaintiff's injuries.

**COUNT II - NEGLIGENCE PER SE**

21.

Plaintiff realleges and incorporates Paragraphs 1 through 20 as if fully set forth herein.

22.

Defendant committed negligence per se, or negligence as a matter of law, in violating the following laws of the State of Georgia: O.C.G.A. § 51-3-1: An invitee is owed a duty of exercising ordinary care in keeping the premise safe.

**COUNT III - O.C.G.A. § 13-6-11 DAMAGES**

23.

Defendant and his agents have been stubbornly litigious and have caused Plaintiffs unnecessary trouble and expense. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-6-11, Plaintiff is entitled to attorney's fees and expenses of litigation.

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff prays as follows:

- (a) That Defendant be served with summons, process and a copy of this Complaint, as provided by law;
- (b) That Plaintiff has a trial by jury of twelve of her peers;
- (c) That Plaintiff has judgment against Defendant for all damages allowed under Georgia law, including, but not limited to, recovery for general and special damages, including pain and suffering, both mental and physical, in an amount to be proven at the time of trial;
- (d) That Plaintiff has and recovers a verdict and judgment against Defendant for attorney's fees and expenses of litigation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-6-11; and
- (e) That Plaintiff recovers the cost of this litigation;
- (f) For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

This 5<sup>TH</sup>.day of June 2023

Respectfully submitted,

The McCloud Law Firm, LLC.

/s/ Pamela N. McCloud  
Pamela McCloud  
Georgia Bar No.: 311073  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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**STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY  
GEORGIA, DEKALB COUNTY****Date Summons Issued and E-Filed**

6/6/2023

**SUMMONS**

/s/ Monica Gay

Deputy Clerk

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MARGARET GORNEY

5646 Wylake Drive  
Norcross, GA 30093

Plaintiff's name and address

vs.

[ ] JURY

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106 Colony Park Drive Ste. 800-B CUMMING, GA 30040-2794  
CVS Pharmacy, INC106 Colony Park Drive Ste. 800-B Cumming, GA  
30040-2794

Defendant's name and address

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:**

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of State Court, Suite 230, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Administrative Tower, DeKalb County Courthouse, 556 N. McDonough Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030 and serve upon the plaintiff's attorney, to wit:

PAM MCCLOUD

Name 1250 Scenic Hwy S STE. 1701-321 Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Address 676-648-0648 311073

Phone Number Georgia Bar No.

an ANSWER to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within thirty (30) days after service upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. The answer or other responsive pleading can be filed via electronic filing through eFileGA via www.eFileGA.com or, if desired, at the e-filing public access terminal in the Clerk's Office at 556 N. McDonough Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030

Defendant's Attorney

Third Party Attorney

Address

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**TYPE OF SUIT**

- Personal Injury  Products Liability  
 Contract  Medical Malpractice  
 Legal Malpractice  Product Liability  
 Other

Principal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Interest \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Atty Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Access to the e-filing site and the rules is available at [www.dekalbstatecourt.net](http://www.dekalbstatecourt.net)

To indicate consent to e-service check the box below.

(Plaintiff consents to e-service pursuant to OCGA 9-11-5 (f). The email address for service appears in the complaint.

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Defendant, )  
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**RULE 5.2 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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Pursuant to Uniform Superior Court Rule 5.2, I hereby certify that on this day the undersigned hereby certifies that on the date shown below, a copy of the following pleading: **Notice of complaint, summons, request for admission's, request for production of documents and interrogatories** was served upon the Defendant(s) by uploading a copy of the same through Odyses E-File System *and* by sending a pdf copy via email to the following:

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**CVS Pharmacy, INC. c/o The Corporation Company (FL) located at 106 Colony Park Drive Ste. 800-B Forsyth County, Cumming, GA 30040-2794**

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Respectfully submitted this 5<sup>TH</sup>. Day of June 2023.